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SUBJ: CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN EASTERN ZAIRE

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1. THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN EASTERN KIVU CONTINUES TO
BE CAUSE OF MUCH CONCERN. MEDICAL OFFICIALS ESTIMATE
AT LEAST THREE HUNDRED DEATHS SO FAR, CONCENTRATED ALONG
LAKE TANGANYIKA AND IN THE RUZIZI VALLEY ON THE NORTH END
OF THE LAKE.

2. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED TWO PLANE LOADS OF
MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND MASSIVE INOCULATION PROGRAMS HAVE
BEGUN IN THE MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED AREAS. ABOUT THIRTY
CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE BUKAVU AREA DURING THE
PAST SEVERAL DAYS AND MEDICAL OFFICIALS ARE AFRAID THAT THE
NUMBER OF CASES WILL BEGIN TO MULTIPLY. THEY ALSO FEAR
THAT THE DISEASE WILL BE CARRIED INTO THE WARM LOWLANDS
OF WESTERN KIVU TO THE ZAIRE RIVER BASIN, FROM WHERE IT
COULD EASILY PASS DOWN RIVER TO KISANGANI AND KINSHASA.

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3. TRAVEL IS STILL VERY DIFFUCULT BETWEEN ZAIRE,
BURUNDI AND TANZANIA. MOST FISHING ON LAKE
TANGANYIKA IS STILL STOPPED.
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